

**GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA  
ABSTRACT**

Elections – Bye-Election to the Telangana State Legislative Council from Nizamabad Local Authorities' Constituency scheduled to be held on **07.04.2020** – Measures to check “ ***Paid News*** “ during elections i.e. advertisement in garb of news in Media and related matters and to take up the additional task of keeping a check on the cases of Paid News published in Print Media and telecast in Electronic Media and also Social Media - Constitution of ***State Level Media Certification and Monitoring Committee (MCMC)*** – Orders - Issued.

**GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (ELECTIONS.A) DEPARTMENT**

**G.O.Rt.No. 691**

**Dated: 18-03-2020**

**Read the following:**

1. Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, New Delhi Orders in S.L.P. ( c ) No. 6679/2004, dated. 13-04-2004.
2. Election Commission of India, New Delhi Order No.509/75/2004/JS-1, dated. 15-04-2004.
3. Election Commission of India, New Delhi Lr.No.491/Paid News/2012/ Media, dated.27-08-2012.
4. Election Commission of India Reference No.322/ECI/INST/FUNC/BIEN-LC/2016, dated.26.12.2016.
5. ECI Reference No.491/Paid News/2019/ Communication, dt.25.02.2019.
6. Election Commission of India, New Delhi Press Note No.ECI/PN/30/2020, dated.05-03-2020.

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**ORDER:**

Pursuant to the directions of the Election Commission of India vide its orders second to fifth read above, State Level Media Certification and Monitoring Committee (MCMC) is constituted with the members mentioned below on measures to check “ Paid News “ during elections i.e. advertisement in the garb of news in Media and related matters and to take up the additional task of keeping a check on the cases of Paid News telecast in Electronic Media i.e. on TV Channels, Cable Networks, Cinema Halls and Broadcast in Radio Stations including private FM channels; publication in Print Media and campaigning in Social Media in connection with the conduct of Bye-election to the Telangana State Legislative Council from Nizamabad Local Authorities' Constituency scheduled to be held on 07.04.2020.

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| 1) Dr. Shashank Goel, I.A.S.,<br>Chief Electoral Officer &<br>E.O. PRL. SECY TO GOVT  | ... Chairperson      |
| 2) Any Observer appointed by the ECI  | ... Member           |
| 3) Prof. K.Stevenson,<br>Head, Department of Journalism & Mass Communications,<br>Osmania University, Hyderabad.  | ... Member           |
| 4) Sri P.Ratnakar<br>Deputy Director,<br>O/o the Addl. Director General, Press Information Bureau,<br>M/o Information & Broadcasting, G.O.I.<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor, CGOs Towers, Kawadiguda, Secunderabad - 500 080. | ... Member           |
| 5) Sri M.A. Majid, Senior Journalist &<br>Member, Press Council of India, Hyderabad.  | ... Member           |
| 6) Sri M.Madhavacharya<br>Assistant Director, Digital Media,<br>O/o the Director, Digital Media,<br>T.S. Secretariat at BRK Bhavan Hyderabad – 22.  | ... Member           |
| 7) Smt. M.Satyavani,<br>Deputy Chief Electoral Officer  | ... Member Secretary |

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2. The above State Level MCMC shall decide appeals received from both the District and Joint CEO's Committee on Certification of advertisement as per the ECI Order No.509/75/2004/JS-1,dated 15/04/2004 besides examining all cases of Paid News on appeal against the decision of District MCMC or cases that may take up suo motu.

**(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA STATE)**

**DR. SHASHANK GOEL,  
CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER &  
E.O. PRL, SECRETARY TO GOVT.**

**To**

The Chairperson and Members of the State level MCMC concerned. { Along with copy of the ECI Lr. No.491/Paid News/2019/Communication, dt. 27-08-2012 & 25.02.2019 and ECI.Lr.No. 322/ECI/INST/FUNC/BIEN-LC/2016, dated.26.12.2016.}.

The Collector & District Election Officer, Nizamabad District. { Along with copy of the ECI Lr. No.491/Paid News/2019/Communication, dt. 27-08-2012 & 25.02.2019 and ECI.Lr.No. 322/ECI/INST/FUNC/BIEN-LC/2016, dated.26.12.2016.}.

The Returning Officer, Nizamabad Local Authorities' Constituency, Nizamabad District. {Along with copy of the ECI Lr. No.491/Paid News/2019/Communication, dt. 27-08-2012 & 25.02.2019 and ECI.Lr.No. 322/ECI/INST/FUNC/BIEN-LC/2016, dated.26.12.2016.} **{Through the Collector & D.E.O., Nizamabad District }**

The Presidents of all Political Parties for the State of Telangana {Both Recognized National Parties and Un-Recognized State Political parties} { Along with copy of the ECI Lr. No.491/Paid News/2019/Communication, dt. 27-08-2012 & 25.02.2019 and ECI.Lr.No. 322/ECI/INST/FUNC/BIEN-LC/2016, dated.26.12.2016.}

The Commissioner, Information & Public Relations Department, Telangana State, Samachar Bhavan, A.C.Guards, Hyderabad – 500 004.

All the Television Channels / Cable Network Operators/ All India Radio and Private F.M. Channels. **{Through the Commissioner, Information & Public Relations Department, Telangana State, Hyderabad.}**

**Copy to :**

1. The Chairperson and Members of the Joint CEO's Committee on Certification of advertisements concerned. **(w.e.)**
2. The Principal Secretary to Govt, Information Technology and Electronics & Communication Dept., Telangana State, BRK Bhavan, Secretariat , Hyderabad-22 .
3. The Additional Director General, Press Information Bureau, M/o. Information & Broadcasting, GOI, Room No.203, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, CGO Towers, Kavadi guda, Sec'bad – 500080.
4. The Deputy Director General, Prasar Bharathi, Door Darshan Kendra, Telangana State, Ramanthapur, Hyderabad- 500 013.
5. The Station Director, Prasar Bharathi, All India Radio, Saifabad, Hyderabad – 500004.
6. The Collector & District Election Officer, Kamareddy District.
7. The P.M. I.T O/o the CEO, T.S. for uploading the G.O.Rt. in the CEOs official website.
8. The S.L.A. O/o the CEO, T.S. for uploading the G.O.Rt. in the CEOs official website.
9. All the Officers, in the G.A ( Elections) Dept., and P.S/ PA to the CEO/ Addl. CEO/ Joint CEO/ Dy. CEO.

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10. The Secretary, Press Council of India, Sookhana Bhavan, 8-C, CGOs Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi - 110003.
11. Sri Pawan Diwan, Under Secretary, Election Commission of India, Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi – 110001.
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**//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//**

**SECTION OFFICER**